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REETH.

June, 1948.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1947. The statistics are based on a population of 2,040 persons, as compared with 2,041 persons in 1946. The Area of your district is 74.536 acres or 116 square miles. The density is therefore 17.6 persons to each square mile. The number of inhabited houses on 31st December, 1947 was 827 approximately. A penny rate yields £31.0s.0d.

The Rateable Value is £8,212. The chief industries are agriculture and the quarrying of boulder flint.

Your officials are:-

W. C. Speirs, M.B., M.O.H.

J. V. Metcalfe, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A. Sanitary Inspector.

The number of births was thirty-three, composed of twenty males and thirteen females. The number of deaths was thirty-three, nineteen males and fourteen females.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

	TOTAL	M	F	RATE PER 1,000 OF POPULATION	RATE PER 1,000 TOTAL BIRTHS	RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS
Live Births	33	20	13	16.17		
Legitimate	31	19	12			
Illegitimate	2	1	1			
Still Births	1	-	1		30.3	
Legitimate	1	-	1			
Illegitimate	-	-	-			
Deaths under one year	1	-	1			30.3
Legitimate	-	-	-			
Illegitimate	1	-	1			
Deaths	33	19	14	16.17		

Deaths from puerperal causes	Nil
Deaths from cancer	7
Deaths from measles	Nil
Deaths from whooping cough	Nil
Deaths from diarrhoea under one year	Nil

There were seven deaths from heart disease equal to 21%.

There were ten deaths at over 80 years and twenty-three deaths over 70 years. One person died at the age of 94.

There is only one Nursing Association in your area. The Nurse does all the Midwifery in your area, and since the Marske Nursing Association, and the Upper Swaledale Nursing Association closed down has very kindly done the General Nursing of the whole area and Marske.

Laboratory Facilities: Throat swabs, sputa and stools are sent to the County Pathologist for examination.

The majority of the infectious cases are sent to the Isolation Hospital at Richmond. Tuberculous Meningitis, Polio-myelites and Spotted Fever cases are sent to Darlington. The fever van from Richmond is used in all cases.

Ambulance Facilities: Accidents and other urgent cases are removed to Hospital by the Red Cross Ambulance from Richmond. Subscribers to the Darlington Memorial Hospital are entitled to the services of one of the ambulances of that Hospital.

There are no clinics or treatment centres. There are no Hospitals in the area of the Rural District Council.

SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATIONS

Name of Disease		Sent to Hospital	Died
Typhoid	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-
Acute Polio-Myelites	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	22	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Small Pox	-	-	-
Measles	11	-	-
Pneumonia	7	1	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neo Natorum	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Meningitis	1	1	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Total	44	3	1

We have had no diphtheria in 1947. Parents are anxious to have their children immunised. We have only had one doubtful case notified since 9th October, 1941.

S U M M A R Y O F D E A T H S

	M	F
Influenza	-	1
Acute Polio-Myelites	1	-
Cancer	4	3
Diabetes	-	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	2	-
Heart Disease	5	2
Bronchitis	2	-
Other Respiratory Disease	1	-
Digestive Disease	1	1
Premature Birth	-	1
Suicide	1	-
Other Violent Deaths	1	1
All other causes	1	4
Total	19	14

T U B E R C U L O S I S

Summary of Cases

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 or over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

I remains,

Gentlemen,

Respectfully yours,
W. C. SPEIRS

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REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sanitary Inspector's Report for 1947

J. V. Metcalfe, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

1. WATER

Serious shortage of water was experienced during the prolonged dry weather during the summer months, in spite of heavy snowfall early in the year having built up a good supply to the springs. At Healaugh, Low Row, Thwaite, Thorns, Keld and Marrick supplies frequently gave out before noon. The houses on the higher levels in Reeth were also at times without water.

Routine samples of the various supplies throughout the district continue to show that they are open to surface pollution.

In view of this contamination, and also to shortage during dry weather, the Council should make every effort for the furtherance of the proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The villages of Thwaite, Low Row, Feetham, Langthwaite, Arkletown and Marrick, are still without proper systems of sewerage. Here again, the Council should make every effort in getting Ministry of Health sanction to the schemes prepared by the Council's Consultant.

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Conversion to water closets..... 16
Septic tanks installed..... 5

4. RIVER AND STREAMS

The River Swale and the Arkle Beck are the natural means of drainage for a large part of the area. Contamination of these waters and other streams through the deposit of household refuse continues, and will always be so until a proper scavenging scheme is put forward.

5. PUBLIC CLEANSING

Scavenging at Reeth and Fremington is now being made by motor transport, Healaugh by horse and cart. All the refuse is led to the tip at Healaugh, a practice which cannot be condemned too strongly, as it is close to houses and on the village green. Efforts to obtain land for use as tips have failed, compulsory purchase will have to be resorted to in order that this pressing problem be solved.

6. SCHOOLS

The sanitary arrangements and water supplies to the schools in the area have been maintained during the year.

The cooking arrangements for the meals of the children at the schools have been inspected, and found to be in order.

7. MILK SUPPLY

Routine inspections to farm premises and dairies have been carried out during the year, and a number of improvements in lighting, ventilation and water supply have been carried out.

8. FOOD INSPECTION

There are no slaughterhouses in use throughout the district, owing to the centralisation of these premises.

During the year, 12lbs of meat offal, 8 stone of fish, 7-1lb. tins of fish and 20lbs. of bacon were condemned and destroyed.

9. RODENT CONTROL

This has been confined to keeping refuse tips and sewage works free from infestation, Zinc Phosphide being used with good effect.

10. INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Disinfection was carried out in one instance, there being only the one case notified.

11. RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

During the year 259 houses have been inspected and classified for the purpose of the survey, making a total to date of 411.

12. SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Complaints investigated	64
Drains tested	31
Bakehouses	17
Ice Cream manufacture	17
Foodshops	49
Factories	31
Hotels, catering establishments and licensed premises	28
Cowsheds and dairies	165
Housing (miscellaneous)	134
Work in progress	70
Shops (Section 10 Shop Act, 1934)	32
Council waterworks	74
Council sewerage	26
Refuse tips	43

13. CIVIL BUILDING CONTROL - DEFENCE REGULATION 56A

147 licences were issued for essential works to buildings during the year, requiring 211 visits.

14. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected during the year for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts)... 211

   (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 235

2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the housing Consolidated Regulations 1925..... Nil

   (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose Nil

3. Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation..... 36

4. Number of houses (exclusive of those referred

14. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR (Cont'd.)

to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation..... 146

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers..... 17

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs..... Nil

2. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notice.....

(a) by owners..... Nil

(b) by local authority in default of owners Nil

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

1. Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... Nil

2. Number of houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices

(a) by owners..... Nil

(b) by local authority in default of owners Nil

(c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.....

1. Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made..... Nil

2. Number of houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders..... Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.....

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined..... Nil

2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room being rendered fit..... Nil

4. HOUSING ACT 1936 PART IV OVERCROWDING

(a) 1. Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year..... Nil
2. Number of families dwelling therein.... Nil
3. Number of persons dwelling therein..... Nil

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year..... Nil

(c) 1. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year..... Nil
2. Number of persons concerned in such cases..... Nil

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again been overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding..... Nil

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider desirable to report..... Nil